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[HOUSE FILE No. 615.—RAILROADS.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION TWO, OF CHAPTER SEVENTY-SEVEN, OF THE ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That section two, of chapter seventy-seven, of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly, is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following enacted :

SEC. 2. The General Assembly shall elect three competent persons (one of whom shall be a civil engineer), who shall constitute a Board of Railroad Commissioners, who shall hold their offices for the term of two, four and six years, respectively, from and after the first day of April next. The Twenty-second General Assembly and each Assembly thereafter shall elect one such Commissioner whose term of office shall begin April first thereafter and continue six years. In case a vacancy shall occur in said Board by resignation or otherwise the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner to fill the vacancy, who shall act until April first next after the meeting of the next General Assembly, which General Assembly shall elect a Commissioner to fill the vacancy. No person owning any bonds, stock or property in any railroad company, or who is in the employment, or who is in any way or manner pecunarily interested in any railroad corporation, shall be eligible to the office of Railroad Commissioner. Said Commissioners shall be qualified electors of the State.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.